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George Lownes  
Panasonic AVC Engineering  
Promotion Ctr. America  
2 Springside Rd.  
Westampton, NJ 08060

Re: U.S. Patent Application of George Lownes for  
METHOD OF PROVIDING A CODE UPGRADE TO A HOST DEVICE HAVING A  
SMART CARD INTERFACE  
Serial No.: 10/047,553  
Filed: October 26, 2001  
PTI Ref.: H12-090701  
MEI Ref.: P25331-01  
Our Ref.: MATP-616US

Dear George:

We have now forwarded a response to the outstanding Office Action to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the response, as filed, is enclosed for your records.

We will keep you apprised of further developments.

Very truly yours,

RatnerPrestia

  
Kenneth N. Nigon

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Enclosure: Response (as filed)

cc: H. Naito (w/ encl. & invoice)  
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